

Judge Shidler Will Seek Re-Election

John A. Shidler, Justice of the Peace of Gardena township since 1947, formally announced his intention this week to file for re-election to the office in the June election.

Named to the office in a plebiscite to succeed the late Judge Frank Carrell, Judge Shidler is opposed to date by Torrance City Judge Otto B. Willett, Gardena City Judge Elmo Morris, and Dudley Gray, Gardena attorney.

The justice office handles cases for the entire peninsula territory south of Gardena and west of Western avenue, except for Miraflores.

Judge Shidler was born at York, Nebraska, in 1911, the son of the late George F. Shidler, M. D., and Miss A. Shidler, now a resident of Torrance. Judge Shidler has been a resident of Torrance since 1923. He and his wife, Rosemary DeCamp Shidler, have three daughters, Margaret, Martha and Valerie.

He was graduated from Redondo Union High School as president of the class of 1928. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University and his Bachelor of Law degree from Loyola.

He had 12 years of law practice in Torrance and since 1941 has served as city judge here, justice of the peace at Gardena, Inglewood and Compton; and judge in the Los Angeles Municipal Court.

During the war he served three years as an enlisted man and six months as an officer. He is a member of the Torrance Episcopal Church, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District.

Following his announcement of intention to file for re-election, he issued the following statement to the Torrance Herald:

"At the time of the plebiscite I was city judge of Torrance, appointed for life under Civil Service. I then resigned this judgeship, although, legally both offices could be held by one person.

"In assuming the office of Justice of the Peace I constantly have sought to improve the standards of justice. No tickets have been fixed, no 'special privilege' has been extended.

"Decisions have been prompt, and no decisions have been 'tabled' or taken under submission for more than a few days. There are no heard but undecided cases on file at this time.

"More than 5,183 civil cases and more than 29,546 criminal cases have been disposed of during my term in office."

Police Get Slot Machine

A five cent "one-armed bandit" and a 10 cent punchboard were confiscated by police last week at the Deep Sand Cafe at 23219 Narbonne avenue, they reported.

Elmon Whelan, 23026 Narbonne avenue, said by police to be the owner, was arrested on a charge of keeping and operating gambling equipment for public use.

Two Torrance Men Get G. P. 30-Year Awards

M. A. Leon and J. J. Sullivan of the engineering division of the Torrance refinery of the General Petroleum Corporation have received awards for 30 years of service with the corporation, it was announced this week.

Five-year buttons were given to C. E. Dodge, A. L. Pearson and Senaido D. Vargas of the Torrance engineering division, and A. A. Mauser of the refining division here.



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College Has 313 Enrolled From Torrance Area

Out of the 3342 enrolled at El Camino College, 313 are students from Torrance, according to H. J. Sheffield, director of student personnel.

He said 102 are graduates of Torrance High School. Approximately one-half of the student body are residents from three cities: Inglewood, Los Angeles and Redondo Beach.

More students come from Inglewood than any other city. Three hundred and ninety-four of the 632 students residing in that city are graduates of Inglewood High School.

There are 621 students from Los Angeles and 382 from Redondo Beach. Five hundred and twenty-two students are graduates from various high schools in Los Angeles and 359 are graduates from Redondo Union High school.

Redondo high school also draws students from Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach. There are 193 students from Manhattan Beach and 179 from Hermosa Beach.

Three hundred and thirty-six students are from Gardena, of which 94 are graduates of Gardena high school. Three hundred and thirty-three students live in Hawthorne, and 121 in Lawndale. Leuzinger high school has 153 alumni on El Camino campus.

Eighty-one students come from El Segundo, of which 65 claim El Segundo high school as their alma mater. There are 33 students who reside in Lomita. Ten students come from various communities in the area.

Students from other California high schools number 366. Married students number 1,233. The number of veterans attending the college is 1,142.

Newsman Is Visitor Here

Bob O'Brien, publisher of the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Nonpareil, one of the most widely quoted daily newspapers in the country, was a recent visitor to Torrance as the guest of John Steinbaugh, principal of Torrance High School.

During his one-day stay in Torrance, O'Brien and Steinbaugh were taken for tour of the Torrance Herald plant by the Herald's publisher, Grover C. Whyte.

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